

Colby track athletes qualify for state

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The Colby High track and field team has 10 members going to the state track meet in Wichita on Friday and Saturday, seven girls and three boys who qualified at the Class 4A regional meet Friday at Hoyt-Royal Valley High School north of Topeka.

The girls took sixth place out of 15 teams and the boys 10th of 16. Both competed in 18 events. Hannah Strange, Andrea Browne, Brielle McKee, Kaitlyn Flanagin, Sydney Stephens, Karly Shull and Katie Elias qualified for the girls. On the boys team, Wiatt Binder, Andrew Taylor and Beau Brown won trips to state.

The top four placing athletes or teams in each event go on to state, said boys head coach Gordon Rasmussen.

Strange and Taylor will be the first Colby athletes to take the field Friday. Strange will compete in the high jump and Taylor will throw the javelin, both at 3 p.m. McKee will run at 3:35 in the 400 meters, and Binder will run in the same race for the boys at 3:55. Flanagin will run in the 300-meter hurdles at 4:20, and Flanagin, McKee, Stephens and Shull will run the 4x400-meter relay at 5:55 p.m. and Browne's event will start 7 p.m. Brown will be the last to compete, running the 100-meter dash at 9 a.m. Saturday.

McKee, Flanagin, Stephens and Shull qualified in the girls 4x400 relay by running the preliminaries in 4 minutes, 16.90 seconds, then taking third in the finals with 4:08.76. Elias will be going with them as an alternate.

Strange took first place in the high jump with a leap of 5-02.00 feet in the finals; she also got 5-02.00 in the preliminaries.

Browne took second in the 3,200 meter-run when she finished in 11:51.47 after running the preliminary race in 12:20.80. McKee came in second in the 400 meters with 1:00.93, running a 1:02.20 in the preliminaries. Flanagin was fourth in the 300-meter hurdles; she finished in 48:56, and ran a 48.40 in the preliminaries.

Other times and distances for the girls:

Strange, McKee, Sydney Stephens, and Flanagin, 4x100 relay, 52.04 in finals, seventh, 52.40 in preliminaries,

McKee, triple jump, 32-10.50 in finals, fifth; 34-01.00 in preliminaries.

Browne, 1,600 meters, 5:37.68 in finals, sixth; 5:46.40 in preliminaries.

Strange, 400 meters, 1:05.70 in preliminaries.

Flanagin, 100 meters, 13.04, sixth; 13.04 in preliminaries.

Taylor Lemman, 3,200 meter preliminaries, 13.24.90, 12th.

Katie Elias, 100-meter preliminaries, 13.70, 17th.

Bridget Bickner, 1,600 meters, 6:06.62, 10th; 6:22.70 in preliminaries.

Sydney Stephens, 200-meter preliminaries, 27.63, 11th; long jump, finals, 15-02.75, seventh; 15-08.00 in preliminaries.

Shull, 200-meter preliminaries, 28.27; javelin, 90-06, 10th; 89-03 in preliminaries.

Kaylie Reeh, shot put, finals, 35-02.75, fifth; 33-10.25 in preliminaries.

Victoria Rall, shot put, finals, 29-05.50, 11th; 31-07.00 in preliminaries.

Shelby Gardner, discus, finals, 88-11, 11th; 97-10 in preliminaries.

Morgan Mengel, discus, finals, 80-01, 15th; 95-04 in preliminaries; javelin, finals, 90-02, 11th; 114-03 in preliminaries.



LUETTA FLANAGIN
Andrea Browne (above) qualified for state competition in the 3,200-meter run with Hannah Strange (above, right) cheering her on. Ten Colby students (right) will be going to the state meet Friday, including (standing, from right) Karly Shull, Katie Elias, Browne, Kaitlyn Flanagin, Brielle McKee, Strange, Sydney Stephens and (kneeling), Andrew Taylor, Wiatt Binder and Beau Brown.

Kortney Bredemier, triple jump, finals, 29-04.25, 14th; 30-09.50 in preliminaries.

Running for the boys, Binder took second in the 400 meters with a time of 51.31 and a 52.40 in the preliminaries. Taylor came in second in the javelin with a distance of 169-00 and a 153-03 preliminary distance.

Brown came in third in the 100 meters, finishing in 11.28, and in



11.48 in the preliminaries.

Other rankings for the boys: Giersch, Matthew Pieper, Binder and Brown 4x100 relay, 46.10, ninth, 45.10 in preliminaries.

Binder, 100-meter preliminaries, 11.30, 11th.

John Faber, 1,600 meters, 5:00.31, 10th; 5:06.90 in prelimi-

naries; 800 meters, finals, 2:20.15, 16th; 2:15.60 in preliminaries.

Giersch, 200 meters, 23:96, 12th, 23.70 in preliminaries; long jump, 18-11.00, 10th; 19-08.75 in preliminaries in preliminaries.

Isaac Schweitzer, 200-meter preliminaries, 24.84, 17th.

Matthew Pieper, long jump,

19-00.50, ninth; 20-06.00 in preliminaries; triple jump, finals, 38-10.00, 11th; 40-11.00 in preliminaries.

Troy Quenzer, javelin, finals, 135-10, 13th; 139-05 in preliminaries.

Kyle Finley, pole vault, 11-06.00 in preliminaries.

Rockies beat Diamondbacks 5-4 in 10-inning game

DENVER (AP) – Reliever Matt Reynolds tried to outthink his former teammate, guess what pitch Wilin Rosario would be looking for and throw the opposite.

Only, Rosario knew Reynolds was trying to get inside his head, so the Colorado Rockies catcher simply shut off his mind and let his bat do the work.

Rosario drove in Carlos Gonzalez with a one-out single in the 10th inning to lift Colorado past the Arizona Diamondbacks 5-4 on Tuesday night after the Rockies squandered a late four-run lead.

"When you know somebody, that's when you get too comfortable and they can get you," Rosario explained. "I just didn't think."

And Reynolds (0-2) thought too much, before settling on a slider.

"That's kind of the Catch-22," said Reynolds, who was with the Rockies for three seasons before being traded to Arizona last November.

"If you throw him a first-pitch fastball, he can hammer it. He's a good fastball hitter, so you take your chances with an offspeed pitch, trying to get ahead of him. Probably, again, caught too much plate with it."

Reynolds gave Gonzalez a juicy pitch, too, which he hit for a double. He intentionally walked Troy Tulowitzki to get to Rosario, who came through with a liner to right on the first pitch.

Rosario lifted his hands in the air after touching first base and was soon mobbed by teammates. Pardon his enthusiasm – it was the first game-ending hit of his career. Felt good, too – sore hand and all.

Earlier in the game, Rosario was hit on the right hand by a pitch that got away from Ian Kennedy. Sure, it hurt. But not enough to come out of the game.

"I still can play," he said, smiling.

The Rockies brought closer Rafael Betancourt to start the 10th, but he was in some discomfort after throwing a second straight pitch into the dirt. After a few warm-up tosses, Betancourt left with a tight right groin. He will undergo an MRI on Wednesday.

"It's not painful," Betancourt said. "It was getting tight. That's all."

Enter Wilton Lopez (1-1), who threw a perfect inning to earn the win.

Jhoulys Chacin took a 4-0 lead and a one-hitter into the seventh, only to walk away with a no-decision after things unraveled as the Diamondbacks rallied to tie the game.

Unable to manage much early against the hard-throwing righty, Arizona loaded the bases with one out on two walks and an error. Jason Kubel hit a two-run double and Martin Prado followed with a two-run single that tied it at 4.

That was all for Chacin.

Manager Walt Weiss summoned reliever Josh Outman to quell the rally. He gave up a single and walked another to load the bases before striking out Gerardo Parra looking on a borderline pitch for the second out.

Parra threw his hands up in exasperation over the call from home plate umpire Adrian Johnson. Manager Kirk Gibson ran out of the dugout to guide his leadoff hitter away from the plate. Outman then struck out Didi Grego-

rius on a called third strike to end the threat. Gregorius also voiced his displeasure.

Chacin was in a groove the last time he faced the Diamondbacks on April 19, throwing 6 1-3 scoreless innings before leaving because of tightness in his back. The injury landed him on the 15-day disabled list.

He's struggled since his return on May 5, going 0-3 with a 7.79 ERA heading into Tuesday.

In this game, though, Chacin looked more like the ace of the staff. He gave up a double to Kennedy in the third and didn't allow another until the disastrous seventh. He gave up four runs – three earned – in 6 1-3 innings.

"Jhoulys was cruising had a tremendous outing going," Weiss said. "He lost a little command there in the seventh and it got away from him."

Kennedy came into the game

with a 3.41 ERA at Coors Field, the second-best mark among active starters (with a minimum of 30 innings). And although he struggled early, Kennedy settled down enough to limit the damage. He lasted six innings and gave up four runs – three earned – in the no-decision.

"He did OK," Gibson said. "He kept us in the game. We came back and tied it. The bullpen just couldn't hold it tonight."

Trojan golfers go to Arizona

Four Colby Community College golfers competed at a national competition in Mesa, Arizona.

Kaylee Keck, Colby; and Jalyne McCauley, St. Francis; competed in the National Junior College Athletic Association national golf tournament May 13-16 at Longbow Golf Club in Mesa, Ariz.

The women qualified after finished in the top-10 at the Region VI championship held in Hutchinson.

McCauley tied for 52nd with rounds of 94, 91, 92 and 83 for a total score of 360.

Keck tied for 70th with rounds of 90, 92, 97, and 90 for a total of 369.

The first-place score for the tournament was 290 for the 72 holes.

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